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Timely Tidbits ...

Paper Drive Benefits Worthy Cause

The annual Romulus Good-fellow Paper Drive will be conducted on Friday, December 4, and Saturday, December 5, at intersections throughout the City. Please give generously. Your heart will be warmed, knowing that you're helping a neighbor have a happy holiday season.

Santa's Coming!

Santa will make his official arrival in Romulus at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 4, when he drops in at Romulus Historic Park to light the City's Christmas tree. Community caroling, beginning at 6:30 p.m., will precede the tree-lighting; afterward, Santa will make a stop at Wick School, where children will have a chance to sit on Santa's lap to tell him their holiday wishes. Refreshments will be served at the school.

AAA Hotline Updates Motorists on Roads

As part of its "Icicle Network" services, AAA Michigan has added regularly updated bulletins about area road conditions to its already popular Construction Hotline. To take advantage of this free service, call 1-800-AAA-MICH.

Donations Sought

Following the success of last year's Drug-free New Year's Eve "Lock-in" for teens, which was held at Romulus High School, several churches from throughout the community are planning a repeat performance. The goal of the "Lock-in" program is to provide teens with a safe place to join their friends for a fun-filled holiday celebration that's complete with food, music, and other entertainments.

To ensure the event's success, donations of cash, refreshments, and prizes are currently being sought, as are volunteers who would like to help run the program. To make your pledge or volunteer your time, call Pastor Neil Swanger (734-722-9638) or Steve Adams (734-941-1511). □

Holiday Concerts, Other Programs Offer a Break from Seasonal Stress

When December's hectic pace leaves you needing a pick-me-up, why not take time out to attend one of the following seasonal events? They're guaranteed to put the ho-ho-ho back in your holidays.

At Macomb Center

Macomb Center for the Performing Arts (located one mile east of Lakeside Mall at M-59 and Garfield roads in Clinton Township) will host the following holiday programs:

- **A Christmas Carol**
(Sat., Dec. 5, at 3 and 8 p.m.),
- **Fiesta Navidad**
(Sun., Dec. 6, at 8 p.m.),
- **A Sandi Patty Christmas**
(Mon., Dec. 7, at 7 p.m.),
- **Will Millar's Celtic Christmas**
(Thurs., Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m.), and
- **Spirit of the Dance**
(Sat., Dec. 12, at 3 and 8 p.m.).

For ticket information, call the Macomb Center box office at 810-286-222 any weekday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are also available from Tickets Plus (800-585-3737).

At the Museum of African American History

All are invited to spend the holidays at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, located at 315 East Warren (corner of Brush) in Detroit's Cultural Center, where the culture and heritage of African Americans will be celebrated at the following events:

- **Kickin' It with Klaus (Santa Claus)**
(Sat., Dec. 5, from noon to 2 p.m.),
- **Noel Night**
(Sat., Dec. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m.),
- **New Year's Eve Celebration**
(Thurs., Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.), and

• Kwanzaa Celebration

(throughout Kwanzaa: daily rituals and performances from noon to 4 p.m.; concerts at 7 p.m. except Dec. 31).

For more information about programs and ticket prices, call the Museum at 313-494-5800.

Other Events

- **Downtown Ann Arbor's Children's Holiday Parade**
(Sun., Dec. 6; for more information, call 734-668-7112),
- **Royal Oak's Christmas Lights/ Dinner and Train Ride to Bronner's and Cross Roads Village**
(Sat., Dec. 12; for more information call 248-541-1000), and
- **Swartz Creek Christmas Arts and Crafts Show**
(Sat., Dec. 12; for more information, call 810-629-2119). □

Hance Is Capitol Scholar



State Representative Raymond E. Basham invited students Alec Hance (Romulus High School) and Doris Hage (Taylor Truman High School) to spend a day with him in Lansing on Thursday, November 5, to get a firsthand lesson in State government through the Capitol Scholars Program.

Post Office Gears Up for the Holidays

The Romulus Post Office wants to see more of you during the holidays. To help ease the rush, beginning December 5 and continuing every Saturday until Christmas, it will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. (window hours will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.).

The Romulus Post Office will close its finance windows at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve; however, the office will stay open until 5 p.m. for pickup of packages and accountable mail. There will be full delivery service on Christmas Eve, with Express Mail and Priority Mail deliveries available on Christmas Day.

The Post Office also provides more help for the holidays by offering gifts like: Looney Tunes Merchandise, phone cards, T-shirts, Classic Postcard collections, Midnight Angel Card sets, Classic Monster merchandise, and much, much more! Many of the merchandise items are available at a 25% discount.

It is best to mail early in the day. Your post office is adding extra daily collections to ensure that your holiday greetings will be delivered to family and friends. There will even be Sunday collections added.

For package needs, remember: all Express Mail and Priority Mail packaging supplies are free. □

Letter to the Editor

Grad Says Thanks for Financial Support

Editor's note: The following letter, which was sent to Romulus High School Assistant Principal Melvin Kimbrough, is reprinted here in the hope that it will encourage other students to set worthy goals and work hard to make them come true.

Dear Mr. Kimbrough,

I was not sure to whom I should send this letter. I know you are still involved in the Romulus Administration Association (RAA), so I hope you will forward this to the proper person.

In 1995, the RAA awarded me their annual scholarship. I felt you deserved an update on my college goals and accomplishments.

I entered Grand Valley State in the fall of 1995, considering physical therapy as my major. I realized at the end of my freshman year that the leadership experience I had received at Romulus High School was the area I was interested in pursuing, and so I changed my major to public administration.

I have become very active in the Resident Housing Association (RHA), which is a strong leadership organization at Grand Valley. My freshman year,

I was elected as House Council Representative for Copeland Hall. I then expanded my involvement during my sophomore year, when I was elected as the Communication Coordinator for MORHA (Michigan Organization of Resident Housing Associations). I also was part of the staff that worked on a presentation that brought MORHA's State Conference to Grand Valley. My junior year, besides being an RA (resident assistant) at Kistler Hall, I was elected to be the Chairperson for Issues and Diversities through MORHA. I am now a senior, and I am not only an RA at Kistler, but also was elected Director of MORHA. On Saturday, October 24, I was surprised to be crowned the 1998 Grand Valley State homecoming queen.

I am extremely grateful for your organization's financial assistance in my college career. I hope you continue encouraging other Romulus graduates with scholarships, as it is leaders like yourself who help us to set our goals and succeed in life.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

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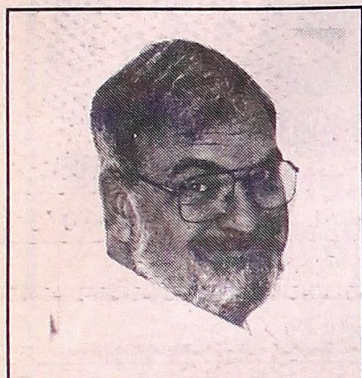
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Florence Satterlee, Romulus High School.



Mae Jackson, Romulus High School.



Bill Garland, Romulus High School.



Rosa Russenberger, Romulus High School.



(From left) Kathy Hurst and Bonnie Bossidis, Romulus High School.



Linda Poirier, Romulus High School.



Henry James, Romulus High School.



Bill Bradford, Romulus High School, with student Tiffany Hamby.



Richard Kruse, Romulus Middle School, with students (from left) Joseph Miller and Joshua Brown, back, and Nicole Liendo, Amber Netter, and Mike Mancine, front.



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High School Math Students Learn While Serving Others



(From left) Robert Flournoy, Jason Byard, and Andre Russell used their newly acquired skills in money management to shop for nutritionally balanced food for holiday baskets.

LaToya Peoples – currently in her first year as a math instructor at Romulus High School – has given her students a thorough grounding in money management by combining traditional textbook lessons with practical experience and service learning.

To begin with, classes throughout the High School were asked to partici-

pate in a "spare-change drive" to raise money for the purchase of food for holiday baskets, and arrangements were made for Peoples' students to handle each participating classroom's account. Then, after School Nurse Ruth Fairchild spoke to the math students about families who have a limited income, and how carefully they must grocery shop in order to achieve a menu that is nutritionally balanced, Peoples gave her class a lesson in budgeting by investigating unit pricing. Finally, students developed nutritionally balanced grocery lists and, with the money raised through the school's spare-change drive, put their new math skills to use by shopping for the items on their lists at the Romulus IGA.

The food was packaged into baskets for delivery just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Peoples and her students would like to thank everyone who participated in the spare-change drive. Without their efforts, the project would not have been such a success. □

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Dad Gives Spanish Lessons to First-graders at Wick

Among the more than 500 parents who do volunteer work in the Romulus Community Schools each year is Rony Chacon, who spends one-half hour each Tuesday giving Spanish lessons to students in Dorothy West's first-grade class at Wick Elementary School.

"It's a good time – a time to share with my son and his little friends," said Chacon, whose son William is a student in West's classroom.

West is happy to have this special father helping her.

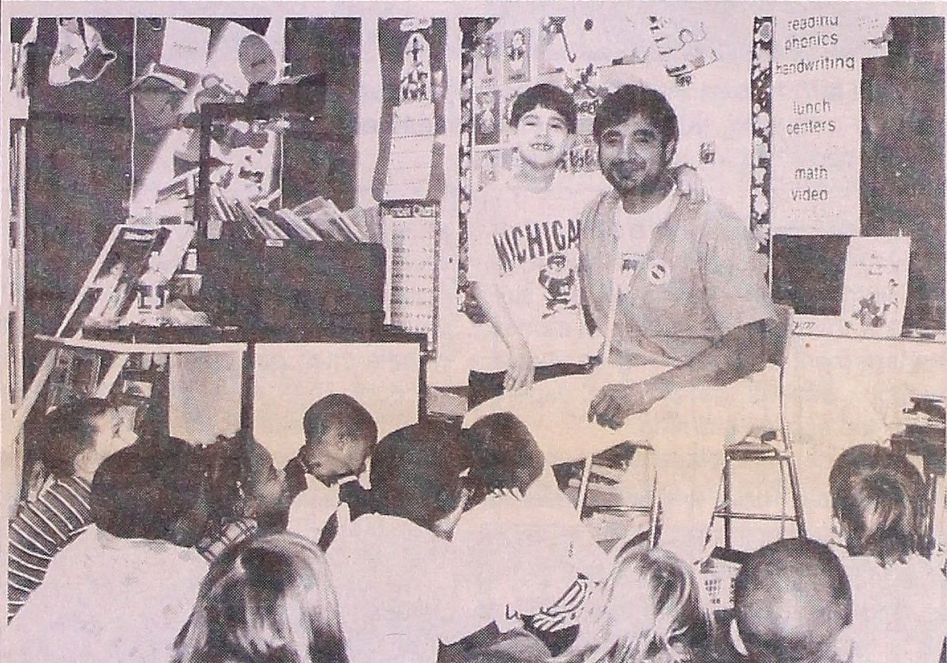
"Because of a scheduling conflict, we were unable to get the High School's foreign-language students to come and give us lessons this year," she said. "Mr.

Chacon is like an angel from heaven."

Chacon coordinates each lesson with West in order to integrate them into West's Language Arts curriculum. In conducting the lessons, Chacon first says a word in English, then translates it into Spanish. The students respond by repeating the word in both languages.

To date, students have learned the Spanish equivalent of their names, as well as the words for several colors and the days, weeks, and months of the year.

The students are always happy to see their new Spanish teacher, and Chacon's son William is proud to have his dad in the classroom. □



Rony Chacon, a parent volunteer who teaches Spanish to first-graders in Mrs. West's class at Wick Elementary, poses with his son William.

Scholar-Athletes Honored

Congratulations to the following Romulus High School athletes who made the Honor Roll during the first marking period of the 1998-1999 school year: Jarene Armstrong, Tomeka Boles, Christina Bouquenoy, Alan Brohl, Rachel Broom, Aaron Brown, Wanakee Burke, Mark Carter, Thais Carter, Alfred Chadwick, Roger Chapman, William Chapman, Jerry Clark, Erin Conway, Kara Coughlin, David Cox, Damien Crawford, Davyn Cuffee, LaNeda Davis, Tyra Donald, Kendal Duncan, Aimee Fisher, Erin Fisher, Ladonna Franklin, Christopher Garwood, Andrea Gibson, James Glass, Tara Green, Shawntez Gregory, Matthew Grube, Chavis Hamby, Frederick Harbor, Brian Harper, Larry Harris, Jennifer Hoffman, Maranda Howard, Warren Howard, Deana Hunter, Jessica Jackson, Wesley Jenkins, Nicole Johnson,

David King, Dennis Landskroener, Rachel Laskaska, Justin Lavigne, Katie Lockhart, Consuelo Lovelady, Marvin Madison, Michael Madison, Pierre Matthews, Carleton McCauley, Nicole McKinney, Felicia Middlebrooks, Kimberly Mingo, Candice Montgomery, David Moomaw, Raymond Moss, Joana Moton, Nicolle Moue, Margaret Nehila, Rajubu Nelson, Dana Noble, Derek Plave, Crystal Renton, Marc Rusan, John Ryznar, Charles Searcy, Jannetta Sewell, Ashley Slone, Amaris Smith, LaTonya Staple, Rebecca Swain, Christopher Talley, Javin Taylor, Ashley Terry, Brooke Thompson, Jehiquita Tucker, Sara Turner, Charles Usztics, Crystal Vincent, John Wester, Keith Wilson, Megan Wilson, Eddie Woods, Michael Woods, Rashad Woods, Jacquelyn Zee-straten, and Amy Zilka. □

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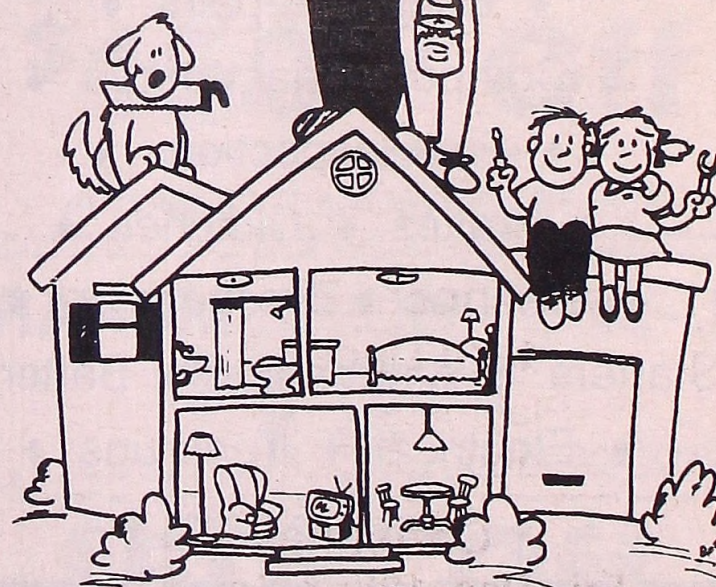
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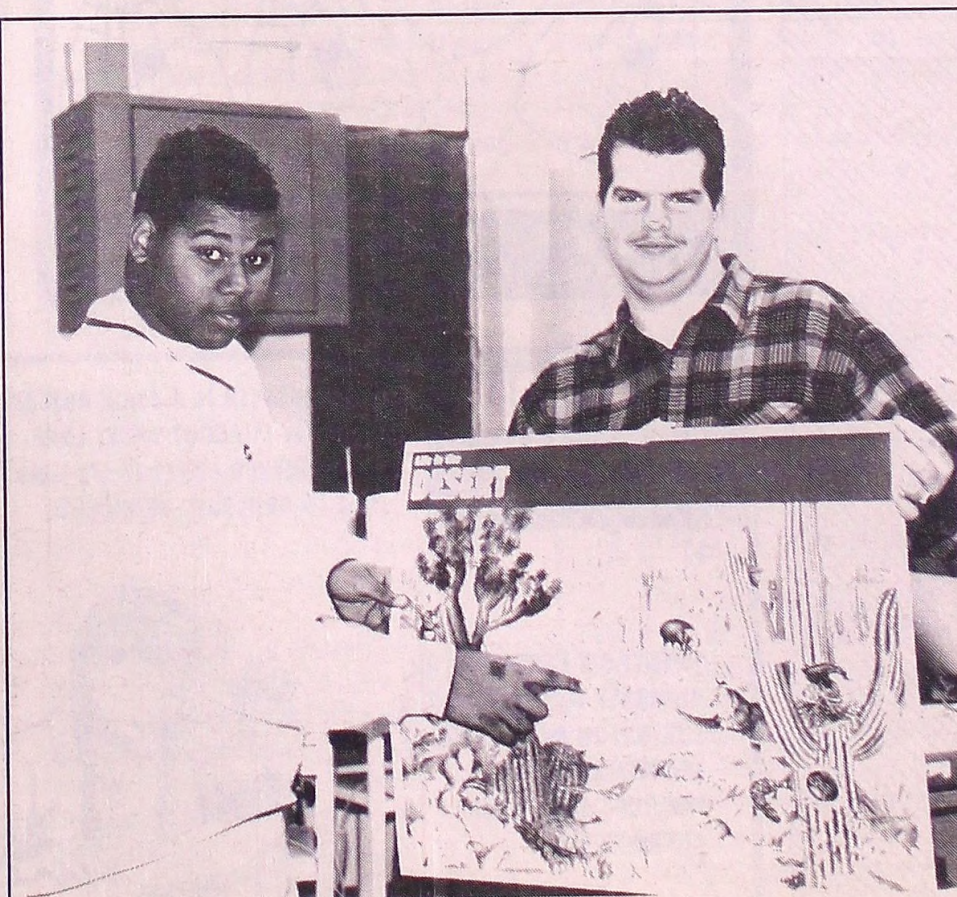
(From left) Romulus High School students Andrea Hoppe, Andrea Coate, and Heather Wright practice giving their science demonstration in front of their classmates. The eleventh-graders will repeat their demonstration for fifth- and sixth-graders from Cory and Wick elementary schools when they visit the High School.

Romulus High School teacher Paul Niedermeyer wants his students to understand science concepts backwards and forwards, so he has them teaching elementary students.

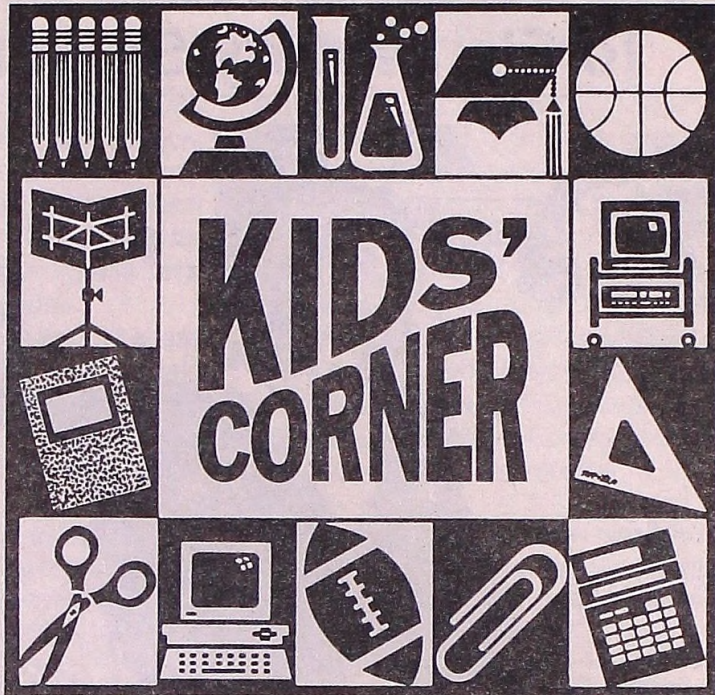
"Since a great way to learn something is to teach it to someone else, Pat Adams and I decided to offer High School students the opportunity to share their knowledge with younger children," said Niedermeyer.

Adams, the Science Coordinator for the District's elementary schools, met with Niedermeyer to set up a plan whereby students from Cory and Wick schools will visit the High School's science labs to see demonstrations put on by outstanding juniors and seniors with an aptitude for science.

If the program is successful, it will be expanded to include additional schools. □

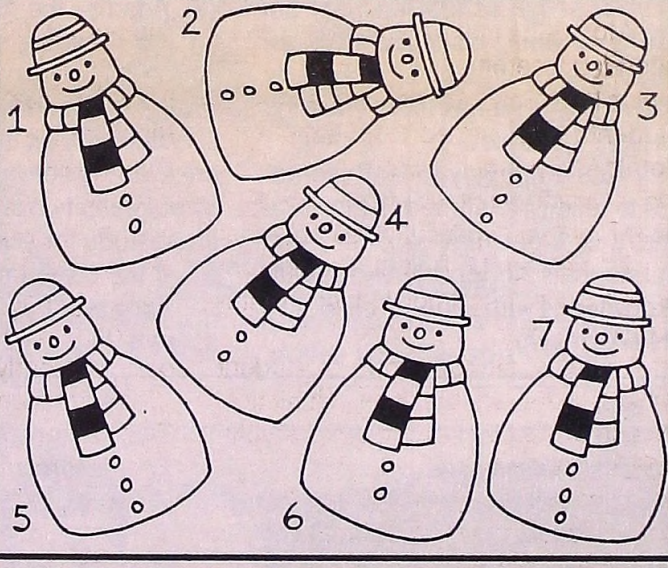


(From left) Romulus High School seniors Jason Nichols and Caryle Pace will be teaching elementary students facts about the desert.



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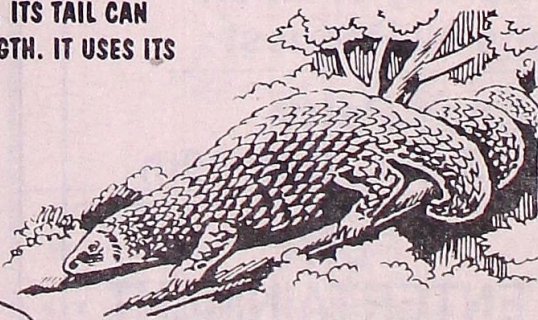
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December jumble

A lot goes on in December. Unscramble the words below to complete the December-related sentences.

1. This holiday is referred to as the "festival of lights."
K A C A N H U H
2. No two look alike, but they all have six sides.
F S L A W K N O E S
3. December 22 is the start of the _____
E N I T R W L O C S T I S E
4. A favorite plant to kiss under. E I M S E T L O T
5. Door-to-door group singing. L A I O R L C N G
6. Every December 31st. W E N E A R Y S E E

1. Chanukah 2. Snowflakes 3. Winter Solstice
4. Mistletoe 5. Caroling 6. New Year's Eve

Answers

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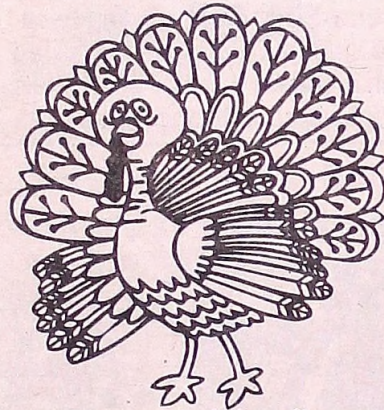
Gleaners Food Bank Seeks Donations

Gleaners Community Food Bank is asking southeast Michigan residents to help purchase the trimmings to accompany holiday dinners for the hungry and poor. Each month, the organization distributes more than one million pounds of food to area soup kitchens, homeless shelters, church pantries, and other agencies – a total of more than 170 million pounds since 1977.

To make your contribution, simply fill out the coupon and mail it, along with a check, to Gleaners Community Food Bank. Gleaners will use your donation to purchase the cases of food that you designate on the coupon. All proceeds will be used for the purchase and distribution of food.

For additional information about Gleaners Community Food Bank, call 313-923-2552. □

"The holidays can be a 'turkey' without the trimmings."



Gleaners Community Food Bank is cooking up holiday dinners for the hungry and we need your help to provide all the trimmings! Gleaners will use your donation to buy the case(s) of food you select and distribute them FREE to over 300 soup kitchens, church pantries, emergency shelters, and other feeding agencies.

TRIMMINGS MENU

ITEM / DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	AMOUNT
Macaroni & Cheese — 7 1/4 OZ. 24 / case	_____	\$ 7.70	_____
Stuffing — 32 OZ. 8 / case	_____	\$ 11.05	_____
Corn — 12 OZ. 24 / case	_____	\$ 8.80	_____
Sweet Potatoes — 15 OZ. 24 / case	_____	\$ 10.25	_____
Corn Muffin Mix — 18 OZ. 12 / case	_____	\$ 8.25	_____
Pumpkin Pie Filling — 15 OZ. 24 / case	_____	\$ 12.25	_____
Pie Crust Mix — 9 OZ. 24 / case	_____	\$ 7.13	_____
Frozen Turkey — (check one)	\$ □10 \$ □20 \$ □30		

☐ Yes, I would like to purchase one case of each item plus one turkey, for a total of \$ 95.43

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Credit Cd ☐ Visa ☐ M/C ☐ AmExp ☐ Discover

Credit Cd. Number _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature : X _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ cases (s) of food for the hungry from Gleaners Community Food Bank. My contribution qualifies for a federal tax deduction and a State of Michigan (homeless / food bank cash contribution) tax credit.

Make check payable to : **GLEANERS Community Food Bank**
Mail with coupon to **2131 Beaufait, Detroit, MI 48207**
For more information, call Gleaners at (313) 923 - 3535

Thank you !

RHS Students Earn Awards for Awesome Academics



Proud father, Steve Harper, and Gaye McGinnis, grandmother, pose with Academic Achievement Award recipient Steve Harper. The young scholar was among more than 50 students who maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or better for both semesters of the last school year.

More than 100 parents and friends attended a ceremony that honored Romulus High School's "best of the best" – students who earned last year's Academic Achievement Award by maintaining a grade-point average of 3.5 or better for two consecutive semesters.

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent of Schools, acknowledged the students' success.

"We are always proud of student achievement, whether it be in athletics, the humanities, or any endeavor involving our students," said Bedell. "However, academic achievement makes us the proudest."

"These students are the future of our country," he continued. "On behalf of the Board of Education and the staff, we extend our sincere congratulations for earning such a prestigious award."

Congratulations to Romulus High School's Academic Achievement Award winners.

(Editor's note: Information in parentheses indicates the number of years that the student qualified for the Academic Achievement Award.)

Class of 1999

Tomeka Boles (third), Brad Bowman (third), Carrie Brown (second), Wanakee Burke (first), Ann Carter (third), William Chapman (first), Jonathan Estes (first), Erin Fisher (first), Isaiah Hemmingway (first), Shannon Herauf (second), Mamie Kesner (third), Nicole McKinney (third), Rachael Parker (third), Derek Plave (second), Carissa Slone (first), and Rebecca Swain (first).

Class of 2000

Jarene Armstrong (second), Amber Bowman (second), Tariprey Burutolu (first), Andrea Coate (second), Erin Conway (second), Autumn Debus (first), Tyra Donald (first), LaDonna Franklin (second), Eric Franquist (second), Stephen Harper (second), Jennifer Hoffman (second), Felicia Middlebrooks (second), Steven Mientkiewicz (second), Kimberly Minner (first), Jennifer Nieman (second), Jessica Nieman (second), Anton Poole (first), and Brooke Thompson (second).

Class of 2001 (all first-year recipients)

Mubbeena Ahmad, Ryan Block, Tara Brown, Renee Byard, Colleen Chambers, Andrea Deline, Tracie Finley, Aimee Fisher, Kristin Godard, Linsey Hoppe, Aisha Hubbard, Amy Hudson, Nicole Johnson, Krystal Kaiser, Valentina Lucaj, Kimberly Mingo, David Moomaw, John Ryznar, Emily Schulz, Ashley Slone, and Jehiquita Tucker. □

Letters to Santa

The Romulus Civic League is sponsoring its annual "Letters to Santa" program this month. All children who "post" their letters in the special mailbox in front of the Romulus Public Library (1121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) no later than December 18 will receive a reply if they include their return address. □

Community Calendar

- **Spring Registration at WCCC** – Wayne County Community College is accepting registrations for its Spring Session through December 18; final registration will be held January 6–14, 1999. For more information, call 313-496-2600.
- **Special Events at St. Paul's Church** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at 19109 Craig Street, New Boston) will host the following special events during the month of November: **Fish Dinner** (Friday, December 4, from 4 to 7 p.m.; menu will feature deep-fried and baked fish, French fries, scalloped potatoes, and more; tickets are \$7 for ages 12 and up/\$5 for ages five to 11/free for children under five); **Advent Worship** (Wednesdays, through December 23, at 7 p.m.); and **Christmas Worship** (Christmas Carol Worship Service at 10 a.m. December 13; Christmas Eve Sunday School Program at 6:30 p.m. December 24; Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 10 p.m. December 24; Christmas Day Worship at 10 a.m. December 25; and New Year's Eve Worship at 7 p.m. December 31). For more information, call 734-753-9048.
- **PWP Hosts Jolly Holly-Days Dance/Toys for Tots Drive** – Downriver Chapter #369 of Parents Without Partners, Inc. (PWP), invites you to attend its "Jolly Holly-Days Dance and Toys for Tots Drive," which will be held at the Taylor Moose Hall (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard Roads) on Friday, December 11, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. (an orientation meeting for prospective members will precede the dance at 8 p.m.). Admission is \$5 for members or \$7 for nonmembers; donate one new, unwrapped toy for the Marine Corps to distribute to a needy child, and get \$1 off the price of admission. For more information, contact Membership Vice-president George Graff at 313-388-8488.
- **Church Choirs To Perform in Concert** – The music departments of the St. City Church of God in Christ and the Whitehead Memorial Church of God in Christ (Pastor, Supt. James L. Whitehead, Jr.) will present their first annual concert featuring the Sanctuary Choir and the Youth Choir from St. City COGIC and the Mass Choir and the Junior Choir from Whitehead Memorial COGIC, as well as the United Voices of Praise. The special event will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 12, at the Willow Run High School auditorium (235 Spencer Lane – off Michigan Avenue between Holmes and Clark roads – in Ypsilanti). Guest emcees will be Brother Derrick Milan of Peter's Rock Mass Choir and Sister LaBarbara Whitehead, Music Department President of the 2nd Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Admission is \$5. For more information, call 734-595-0629 or 734-484-0331.
- **Auditions for Wait Until Dark** – The Huron Civic Theatre (located at 32044 West Huron River Drive – across from Michigan Memorial Cemetery – in New Boston) will hold auditions for its upcoming production of *Wait Until Dark* (show dates: February 5–7 and February 13–14) from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 13, and from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15. This suspenseful drama centers around a young blind woman who is left alone in her apartment with desperate criminals who are trying to recover some drugs that were mistakenly brought into the apartment by the woman's husband. The cast will consist of one woman, four men, and a young girl between the ages of nine and 12. For more information, call 734-782-5380 and leave a message.
- **Romulus Adolescent Health Center Advisory Board Meets** – The Romulus Adolescent Health Center Advisory Board will meet in the Media Center at Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road) on Tuesday, December 15, at 2:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend, as the group is in the process of selecting new members from the community to fill vacant positions.
- **Youtheatre Offers Babes in Toyland** – Youtheatre's "Wiggle Club" (for children ages three to six) presentation of *Babes in Toyland* has been set for Saturday, December 19 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, December 20 (2 p.m.) at the Music Hall (located at 350 Madison Avenue in Detroit). Individual tickets are \$7 when purchased in advance; \$8 at the door. For more information, call 313-963-2366.
- **Kentuckians of Michigan Host Weekly Events** – The Kentuckians of Michigan host the following events each week at Liberty Park (located on Bredow Road in Romulus): **Live Bluegrass Music/Bufet** (Fridays, 7:30 to 11 p.m.; \$5 admission/ additional \$5 for food) and **Bluegrass/Country Jam Session** (Sundays, 3 to 7 p.m.; \$3 admission/ additional \$5 for food). Children welcome! For more information, contact Mary Jo Smiley, Program Director, at 313-381-3382.
- **TOPS Meetings** – TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #M11690, Taylor – a nonprofit weight-loss support group – invites you to attend its weekly meetings, which are held at 7:05 p.m. each Thursday at Taylor Church of Nazarene, Eureka Road just west of Telegraph. Dues are \$20/year + \$1/week (first visit free).
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. Call 313-438-2720.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,
mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038;
FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Students at Merriman Raised \$6,000 for School Programs

During a three-week fund-raiser, students at Merriman Elementary sold a variety of everyday merchandise to raise money for the school's Assertive Discipline and Star Cart programs. Students who sold the most merchandise were treated to a trip to McDonald's – via chauffeured limousines provided by A-1 Limo Service – to enjoy a special lunch.

Assertive Discipline rewards well-behaved students (those who received less than a certain number of referrals for misbehavior) with special assem-

blies or bingo games. The Star Cart contains paper, pens, pencils, and erasers that students can buy with stars that they've earned for good behavior.

Valerie Flournoy, Merriman's Parent Coordinator, said that she and the school's staff members appreciate all of the hard work that parents put into programs such as Assertive Discipline and Star Cart.

"It takes many people to run these programs," said Flournoy, "and we thank all the Merriman parents who have supported us." □



(Center) Shellie Moore, Principal at Merriman Elementary School, poses with 16 of the school's top fund-raisers, as well as Parent Coordinator Valerie Flournoy (far right) and the A-1 Limo Service chauffeurs.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

December 5th

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

37104 Goddard Road

Ornaments, Pine Cone Trees, Angels, Wreaths, Candy Containers, Holiday Decorations & More!



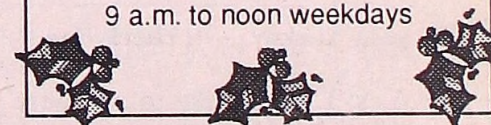
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Local food-service contractor seeking experienced food-service workers. \$8.00 to \$9.00 per hour. Call-in and temporary assignments.

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9 a.m. to noon weekdays



Halecreek Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students from Halecreek Elementary School who made the Honor Roll during the first marking period of the 1998–1999 school year.

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who were recognized for "High Honors.")

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Fuss

Amanda Bailey, Samantha Butscher, Brian DeMoisey, Katherine Drayton, Courtney MacDougall, *Cory Mortzfield, Michelle Nelson, Brandon Ross, Ashlee Wells.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Slater

Kathryn Appel, Bethany Brink,

Ryan Goforth, Amber Gondek, Samina Haq, Jeremy Hollis, Shannon Kowalski, *Jennifer Lammers, Jonathan McLachlan, *Kelsi Milam, Kevin Stockton, Diana Thompson.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Coleman

Ashley Allen, *Don Brewer, *Carol Deaton, LaRiche Jones, *Candace Lawrence, Jeremy McNulty, Leah Moore, Crystal Scott, Lindsay Sharp, Lashonda Windham.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Miller

Darlie Atkinson, Jeff Conradson, Robert George, Ashley Glenn, *Muneer Khan, *Joann Tieppo, *Miah Wade. □

Volleyball Middle School

- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Mon., Feb. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 17, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run (Ypsilanti) at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 22, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville North (Wed., Feb. 24, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Mon., Mar. 1, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Wed., Mar. 3, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti East (Mon., Mar. 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Ypsilanti) (Wed., Mar. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville North at Romulus (Mon., Mar. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville South at Romulus (Wed., Mar. 17, 3:45 p.m.)

Coaches:

Kimberly Jensen (Eighth Grade),
Michele Fisher (Seventh Grade).

Freshmen Volleyball Romulus High School

- Highland Park at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 6, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Dearborn Heights) (Mon., Jan. 11, 3:45 p.m.)
- Redford Union at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 13, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Taylor) (Mon., Jan. 18, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Southgate (Wed., Jan. 20, 3:45 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 25, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Wed., Jan. 27, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Woodhaven Tournament (Sat., Jan. 29, TBA)
- Truman (Taylor) at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 1, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Wed., Feb. 3, 3:45 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Mon., Feb. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Annapolis (Dearborn Heights) at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 17, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Redford Union (Mon., Feb. 22, 3:45 p.m.)
- Kennedy (Taylor) at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 24, 3:45 p.m.)

Head Coach:
Angie Slifka.



Dine In
or
Carry Out

- Salads
- Sides
- Shrimp
- Fish
- Chicken

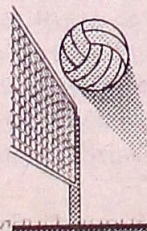
HOT HOAGIE
STEAK & CHEESE HOAGIE
DELUXE HOAGIE
RUEBEN HOAGIE
COLD HOAGIE
SUPER HOAGIE
HAM & CHEESE HOAGIE
TURKEY HOAGIE
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641-8838

7099 Wayne Road (at Ecorse)

Varsity/JV Volleyball Romulus High School

- (JV only) Romulus at Kennedy (Taylor) Invitational (Fri., Dec. 18, 3:30 p.m.)
- (Varsity only) Romulus at Kennedy (Taylor) Invitational (Sat., Dec. 19, 8:30 a.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 11, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., Jan. 13, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Jefferson (Monroe) Invitational (Sat., Jan. 16, TBA)
- Willow Run (Ypsilanti) at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 18, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Dearborn Heights) (Wed., Jan. 20, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Gibraltar) (Wed., Jan. 27, 6:00 p.m.)
- (Varsity only) Mid-Winter Tournament at Romulus (Sat., Jan. 30, 8:30 a.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 1, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Wed., Feb. 3, 6:00 p.m.)
- (JV only) Mid-Winter Tournament at Romulus (Sat., Feb. 6, 8:30 a.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 8, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Ypsilanti) (Wed., Feb. 10, 6:00 p.m.)
- Robichaud (Dearborn Heights) at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 15, 6:00 p.m.)
- Carlson (Gibraltar) at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 22, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Wed., Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m.)



Varsity Coach:
Paul Niedermeyer.

JV Coach:
Denise Mehl.

RMS Students Honored

Romulus Middle School teachers have selected a total of 34 students to receive a "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during the month of October.

Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and a Romulus Middle School "Bulldog" ink pen.

Parents in attendance were given an RMS Student of the Month "Bulldog" mug to recognize their support of the students.

Middle School Principal Ed Clark would like to congratulate the following

Romulus Middle School Students of the Month (October): Darnell Anderson, Ashley Bishop, Kimberly Blankenship, Nicole Brennan, Carla Broom, Brittney Clark, Terra Cooley, Keisha Cotton, Rhiannon Crawford, Josephine Denys, James Elam, Lisa Finely, Ramon Ford, Bret Fowler, Stacey Gilbert, Nicholas Gratiot, Bryan Hoehing-Neeley, Bethany Hotchkiss, Hilary Kozma, Kevin Kucharski, Brittini Lansbury, Sarah Lindroth, Latosha Maycock, Jason Messenger, Michael Patrias, Misty Pitel, Michael Polk, Denisa Rakic, Sara Schulz, Samantha Smith, Latoya Starr, Patrecia Sucharski, and Cassandra Wilson.



Romulus Middle School's "Students of the Month" for October.

RHS Students Honored

Romulus High School teachers selected a total of 60 students to receive October's "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance. Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

Congratulations to the following Romulus High School Students of the Month (October): Tiarra Adams, Krista Alley, Lance Belcher, Sarah Bent, Christina Bishop, Julian Bond, Nicole Bright, Renee Byard, Sheirley Cadet, Betty Jo Caines, Thais Carter, Harrison Carter, Shounnta Causey, Bataan Cline, Derek Cochran, Charles Duckworth, Erin Fisher, Richard Foster, Corey Gentile, Jessica Gilbert, Kristin Godard, Justin Harp, Chelsea Harp, Porsha Hester, Maranda Howard, Aisha Hubbard, Mamie Kesner, Cykeia Lee, Ruby Lee, Katie Lockhart, Heather Mason, Amelia McCray, Steve Mientkiewicz, Crystal Miller, Russell Milligan, Jennifer Nieman, Jennifer Ottenbreit, David Pifer, Leslie Pitts, Dejuan Rusan, Marc Rusan, John Schenavar, Charles Searcy, Sultan Sharieff, Stephanie Skiff, Carissa Slone, Bridget Ste-

phens, Helen Stewart, Nathan Thomas, Brooke Thompson, Scott Tieppo, Larry Turner, Jennifer Vit, Sharritta Warren, Ashley Wesson, Nancy Whittemore, Megan Wilson, and Brian Wooden.

Romulus High School Assistant Principal Melvin Kimbrough would like to thank the following sponsors for being Romulus High School's partners in education for the month of October: Aztec Manufacturing Corp.; C & C Trailer Service; Chem Central; Dale Kennedy & Sons; Daly's Restaurant; Downriver Pest; Elkins Machine & Tool; Environ, Inc.; Form Flow, Inc.; Gandol; G.M. Powertrain; Graduate Services; Header Products; Rhonda Hennessy, D.D.S.; Highway Maintenance; the Kiwanis Club of Michigan; Art and Eva McDonald; Precision Hardware; Romulus Community Schools staff members (Dr. Samuel LaMonica, Dr. William M. Bedell, Maryann Tyrchniewicz, Marjorie Fraley, Don Kobane, and Henry James); Romulus Flowers and Gifts; Romulus Progressive Club; Kundan Sata, D.D.S.; Saw & Specialty Corporation; Stears True Value Hardware; Total Petroleum, Inc.; Trans-Overseas Corporation; and United Brass Manufacturers. □

Flyers Football

JV Flyers Make Playoffs, Finish Second

Flyers Defeat Panthers To Qualify for Downriver Championship Finals

In one of the best football games that the Flyers have ever played, Romulus' Junior Varsity team beat the River Rouge Panthers on Saturday, November 7, to qualify for the Downriver Junior Football League Championship finals. It was the Flyers' first playoff game in four years.

When the two teams played each other during the regular season, the Flyers were defeated 45-33 in a virtual track meet, with both teams moving the ball and scoring seemingly at will. Yet, despite a similar final score, the rematch was an entirely different story.

Romulus came out smoking, as Robert Anderson returned the opening kickoff with a 70-yard run for a touchdown, then continued to turn up the heat with fine play from the defense, shutting the Panthers down cold and quickly demonstrating that, this time, they had come to play *tough*.

With Romulus again in possession, James Kendrick increased his team's lead to 13-0 with a 53-yard TD run. Following another failed offensive attack by River Rouge, the Flyers scored a third time when Kendrick faked a punt and scooted around the right end to sprint 69 yards.

Trailing 20-0 late in the second quarter, the Panthers finally began to show why they had been undefeated during regular-season play, mounting a drive that brought the score to 20-7. But Romulus—remembering that, in the last game, they'd had the ball in scoring position just before the half, but came up short of the goal line by a foot—would not be denied this time. With less than a minute remaining, Kendrick took a pitch to the left side, then immediately cut back right and ran 34 yards to give his team a 26-7 halftime lead.

During the mid-game break, Flyers Head Coach John Wester talked seriously to his team. He stressed that the game was far from over, and that 26 points would not be enough—an assessment borne out by the final score.

Despite Wester's admonitions, Romulus slowed down in the third quarter, failing to score a single point. The team's lead was cut to 26-9 when Romulus gave up an intentional safety to prevent River Rouge from scoring on a big play, and further reduced after the kickoff, when the Panthers managed another touchdown to bring the score to 26-15.

Then the Flyers went to work—this time using some of the clock on a drive that ended in a 29-yard TD run by Kendrick—but River Rouge, finally opening

up its passing game, was able to retaliate with its own march down the field, again cutting the team's deficit to 11 points (33-22). Romulus scored its final points of the game with yet another long run from Kendrick (his fifth for the day), making the score 39-22. The Panthers also managed to score one last time when they gained possession with about seven minutes to go, and drove 60 yards for a touchdown. When Romulus got the ball at its own 25-yard line with just over four minutes remaining, the team picked up two first downs, forcing the Panthers to use their last two timeouts and allowing the Flyers to run out the clock. The game ended with a score of 39-29.

On the defensive front, Romulus was led by outstanding play from Georjon Garland, Kendrick, Anderson, Matt Carr, and Phillip Roscoe. These young men headed up the defensive charge that held River Rouge to seven points in the first half. Kendrick led all tacklers with nine solo tackles; Garland was credited with six solos and 12 assists.

Flyers' Championship Hopes Dashed

On Saturday, November 14, the Romulus Flyers played the Grosse Ile Junior Devils for the Downriver Football League Championship. Unfortunately, the game turned out to be a repeat of the Flyers' 1992 championship bid—also played against Grosse Ile—in which Romulus lost 6-0 in overtime.

The day began on a down note for Romulus, which learned that one of its players would not be allowed to participate because he did not meet the League's weight requirements. That early disappointment turned out to be a harbinger for a day of frustration and dashed hopes.

In the first quarter, both teams came out playing somewhat conservatively until the Devils threw a 65-yard touchdown pass to take a 6-0 lead. The Flyers' response was immediate, as James Kendrick knotted the score with a 65-yard run to the end zone.

At this point, Romulus lost control of the game, and three consecutive turnovers resulted in a 26-6 lead for Grosse Ile. Later, the Devils scored again on a time-consuming drive that increased their advantage to 33-6. The Flyers briefly regained the spirit with which they had played all season when Kendrick hooked up with Robert Anderson for a 50-yard touchdown pass just before the half ended, 33-13, but the third quarter brought more bad luck for Romulus when Kendrick injured his leg and was no longer able to perform. With

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LEAPFROG

Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will remind everyone of an important event that will take place on December 4.

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DEFINITIONS

- Gone with the Wind* heroine
- Sound which "arose" on the lawn in Clement C. Moore's Christmas classic
- Baby toy
- Having a rough, raspy voice
- Pop icon Dinah
- A match for "his"
- Mutilate; disfigure
- Glow
- Strong wind
- Tizzy
- Engaged; retained
- Gather into a group
- Drummer for the Muppets
- This Italian city is the home of La Scala
- Flexible armor
- Vampire deterrent
- Holy relic sought through the ages
- Doubled, it's the title of a Jim Carrey movie
- Former's partner
- Actor Williams
- Appraise
- Complained
- Evil being
- The Bee Gees asked how you can do this to a broken heart
- Spring flowers
- If you're not careful, this kind of milk will reduce you to tears
- If these are loose, ships may sink
- Everyday tasks
- Orange yellow
- Star of *The Witches of Eastwick* and *Mermaids*
- Broader
- Detective Nancy or her attorney father Carson
- Architect Ludwig Mies van Rohe
- Fletcher's "Miss Ratched" and Kellerman's "Hot Lips"
- Ancient alphabetic characters
- Cunning stratagem

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "CHRISTMAS"

How many five-letter words can you form using only the letters found in CHRISTMAS? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Plurals formed by the addition of an "s" and verbs ending in "s", proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

For our list of 23 words, plus the LEAPFROG solution, see page 13

Boys' Basketball Middle School

- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Tue., Nov. 24, 3:45 p.m.)
8th-grade team lost, 29-28
7th-grade team won, 26-15
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Tue., Dec. 1, 3:45 p.m.)
8th-grade team won, 34-29
7th-grade team won, 26-13
- Willow Run (Ypsilanti) at Romulus (Thurs., Dec. 3, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville North (Tue., Dec. 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Thurs., Dec. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Tue., Dec. 15, at 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti East (Thurs., Dec. 17, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Thurs., Jan. 7, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville North at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville South at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 14, 3:45 p.m.)

Coaches:

Troy Williams (Eighth Grade),
Brian McCallister (Seventh Grade).

Freshmen Basketball Romulus High School

- River Rouge at Romulus (Tue., Dec. 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Fri., Dec. 11, 3:45 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Tue., Dec. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Fri., Jan. 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville I at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Ypsilanti) (Fri., Jan. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville II (Tue., Jan. 19, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Fri., Jan. 22, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Tue., Jan. 26, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Fri., Jan. 29, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Tue., Feb. 2, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville I (Fri., Feb. 5, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run (Ypsilanti) at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville II at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 19, 3:45 p.m.)



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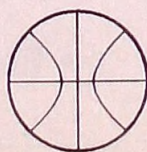
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Varsity/JV Basketball Romulus High School

- Romulus at Pioneer (Ann Arbor) (Tue., Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m.)
- Robichaud (Dearborn Heights) at Romulus (Tue., Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Fri., Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Tue., Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 8, 5:30 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Fri., Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Ypsilanti) (Fri., Jan. 22, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln (Ypsilanti) (Tue., Jan. 26, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne (Fri., Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Tue., Feb. 2, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Fri., Feb. 5, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Fri., Feb. 12, 5:30 p.m.)
- Aquinas (Southgate) at Romulus (Tue., Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 19, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Tue., Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m.)
- Willow Run (Ypsilanti) at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 26, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Taylor) (Tue., Mar. 2, 5:30 p.m.)
- Wayne at Romulus (Fri., Mar. 5, 5:30 p.m.)

Varsity Coach:
Guy DelGiudice.

JV Coach:
Karl Wukie.



Flyers Football

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the Flyers' standout running back out of the game, their hope of another comeback went out with him, and the team failed to score again. The Devils scored their final points in the top of the fourth quarter to win 40-13.

With the end of the JV Flyers' storybook season, many tears were shed, but Romulus' coaching staff and the various League officials present expressed great pride in the team and its many accomplishments. Besides coming away with the Runner-up Trophy in what was, according to Wester, the League's toughest schedule ever, the young men also earned the first-place Sportsmanship Trophy - which is, appropriately, three times the size of the first- and second-place awards.

Cheerleaders Compete with Spirit

On Sunday, November 8, the Romulus Flyers cheerleaders took on their counterparts from throughout the League in the annual Downriver Junior Football Cheerleading Competition. A total of 12 squads per level (freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity) vied for the trophies which were awarded to the top

six finishers in each division.

Although the Flyers went into the event with high expectations, they did not fare very well in the final standings. In the Freshmen competition, the young ladies really showed their stuff - giving a roaring opening cheer and performing a fantastic dance routine - but came up a little short, placing seventh overall. The JV squad also gave a terrific performance, but finished in the same place as their younger teammates. The toughest of the competitions was at the varsity level, where, despite a spirited routine, the Flyers were unable to finish in the top 10. Below are the results for the three divisions.

Freshmen: first - Grosse Ile; second - Allen Park; third - Southgate; fourth - Huron River; fifth - Lincoln Park; and sixth - Riverview.

JV: first - Huron River; second - Grosse Ile; third - Allen Park; fourth - Dearborn Heights; fifth - Wyandotte; and sixth - Woodhaven.

Varsity: first - Allen Park; second - Southgate; third - Wyandotte; fourth - Grosse Ile; fifth - Lincoln Park; and sixth - Dearborn Heights. □

Wrestling Romulus High School

- Romulus at Allen Park Invitational (Sat., Dec. 5, 8:00 a.m.)
- (Varsity only) Romulus at Hartland Tournament (Sat., Dec. 12, 8:00 a.m.)
- (JV only) Romulus at Pioneer (Ann Arbor) (Sat., Dec. 12, 10:00 a.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Wed., Dec. 16, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Thurs., Jan. 7, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Milan Invitational (Sat., Jan. 9, TBA)
- Wyandotte and Adrian at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 14, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus Royal Invitational (Sat., Jan. 16, 8:30 a.m.)
- Carlson (Gibraltar) at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 21, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Trenton (Thurs., Jan. 28, 6:00 p.m.)
- (Varsity only) Avondale Tournament (Sat., Jan. 30, TBA)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Thurs., Feb. 4, 6:00 p.m.)
- Southgate at Romulus (Thurs., Feb. 11, 6:00 p.m.)
- Division Meet (Sat., Feb. 13, TBA)

Head Coach: Jason Balcom.
Assistant Coach: Kevin Ladach.
JV Coach: Stephen Wisniewski.

Answers

answers to puzzles from page 12

LEAPFROG:

- Scarlett; 2) clatter; 3) rattle
- hoarse; 5) Shore; 6) hers
- mangle; 8) gleam; 9) gale
- dither; 11) hired; 12) herd
- Animal; 14) Milan; 15) mail
- garlic; 17) Grail; 18) Liar
- latter; 20) Treat; 21) rate
- moaned; 23) demon; 24) mend
- tulips; 26) spilt; 27) lips
- chores; 29) ochre; 30) Cher
- wider; 32) Drew; 33) der
- nurses; 35) runes; 36) ruse

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YOU'LL FIND IT IN "CHRISTMAS":

amiss, astir, chair, charm, chart, chasm, crash, crass, march, marsh, match, micra, mirth, shirt, sitar, smart, smash, smith, stair, stash, stria, tarsi, trash

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of December: Taylor Byrd, Leona Dudley, Edith Godwin, Julia Horton, Wanda Kazulewski, Ella Lassetter, Lois Liske, Roy Livingston, Elizabeth Mack, Lucretia Maze, Grace Nehra, Genora Shelby, Alice Simmons, and Ethel Sumner.

Holiday Gala

This year's Holiday Gala will be held beginning at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 28, at the new Double Tree Hotel on Wick Road in Romulus. The event will feature a wonderful holiday meal; music, magic, and other entertainments; door prizes (to be donated by a variety of local businesses); and lots of good company.

Admission is still just \$6, thanks largely to some very generous contributions from the Double Tree Hotel, U.S. Park, and Crane Funeral Home. Early sign-up (at the Center) is strongly recommended, since space is limited.

Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration (weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required.

Chore Services for Seniors

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency is now offering a chore service for senior citizens. Since the program is funded, in part, by the Senior Alliance, a donation is requested for services received. For information, call 313-843-2550 or 734-942-6852.

Goodfellows Seek Volunteers

The continued success of our Romulus Goodfellow organization is due to the efforts of many volunteers who care enough to take time from their busy holidays to help those who are less fortunate. People are needed for a number of tasks, including wrapping, tagging, and packing gifts.

If you would like to volunteer your time for this worthwhile endeavor, call the Romulus Senior Center or Fire Station #4 (734-941-8585).

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.

- **"A Christmas Carol"**
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(January 27; \$21)
- **Casino Niagra**
(March 1; \$89)
- **Kewadin Casino**
(March 15-16; \$101, with \$40 cash back)
- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(March 24; \$21)

Search Is on for Outstanding Worker

To celebrate the ongoing contributions and accomplishments of older workers, Green Thumb is soliciting nominations from Michigan businesses in its search for 1999's Outstanding Older Worker. To be eligible, a person must be age 65+, a Michigan resident, and employed 20 or more hours per week in an unsubsidized job for pay.

Nominations may be made by the worker's supervisors or coworkers. Simply provide a brief narrative (approximately 250 words) covering the older worker's overall contribution to the business, a description of new skills that the nominee has learned since beginning employment, any roadblocks that he/she has overcome in order to perform his/her job, and a description of other community involvement. Official nomination forms may be obtained by visiting the Michigan Green Thumb Web site (www.mi-greenthumb.org), phoning the group (517-772-5308), or writing to its State office (P.O. Box 465, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0465). Entries may be faxed (517-773-1421) or mailed to the State office. Deadline for nominations is Friday, December 18, 1998, at 5 p.m. The winner will be announced in January, 1999.

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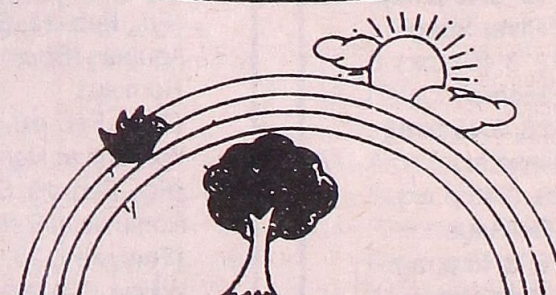
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REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, November 9, 1998 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Howard J. Kesner.

Roll call showed all members present. Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

11/98/1 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

11/98/2 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert to approve the Minutes of the October 26 and 27, 1998, meetings as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Executive Session – Negotiations

11/98/3 Moved by Lenossi supported by Lambert that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:32 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 7:56 P.M.

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel recommendations for Board approval.

RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS:

11/98/4 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the Board approve the retirement resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Ernestine Gray. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

11/98/5 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the Board approve the retirement resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Ossilyn Woods. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ARBITRATION SETTLEMENT:

11/98/6 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the Board of Education approve the Arbitration Settlement Agreement as discussed for Addie Sandusky. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATION ONLY:

Leslie McCurdy, Paraprofessional, Merriman Elementary School, Effective October 29, 1998.

Bills for Payment

11/98/7 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Climate Committee Report – Mary Kelley, et. al.

Mesdames Kelley, Royal, and Powers, and Messrs. Hoffman, Kimbrough, and Meriweather were present and updated the Board of Education on its goals, objectives, and activities for the 1998–99 school year. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Presentation on Guidance Department

Mrs. Mae Jackson, Guidance Department Head, was present at the meeting and updated the Board of Education on the goals, objectives, and activities of the guidance counselors this year. They also responded to questions that were posed by members of the Board of Education.

Wayne County Charter Schools

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, attached a list of Charter Schools that have been established in Wayne County. He advised the Board of Education that we need to be aware of their challenge.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Various members of the audience expressed their opinions and/or concerns with the Board of Education relative to the operation of the School District.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Finance Committee Minutes; 2) U of M "Thanks" – Tomeka Boles and Nathan Thomas; 3) Scholarship "Thanks" and Update – Michele Dick; 4) Alumni Newsletter; 5) Chemistry Night; 6) Wick Spanish Program; 7) Tom Dolan – N.C.A. Committee; 8) Middle School Social Studies Olympiad; 9) MEAP Update; and 10) "Thanks" – Everen.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick asked if there was an academic component to the Mega League Program.

Mr. Michael Woods inquired about the spring sports schedule.

ADJOURNMENT:

11/98/8 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Woods, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

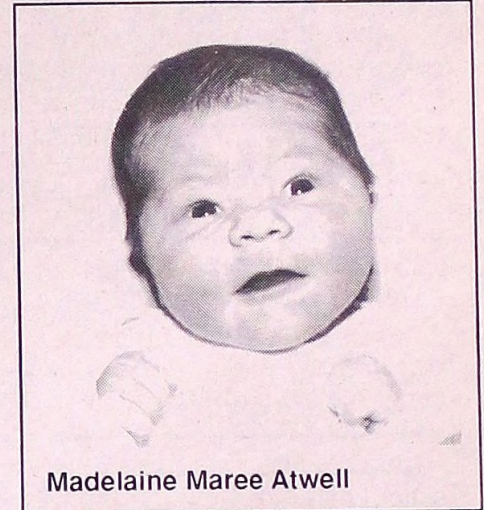
The Stork Arrived

Madelaine Maree Atwell

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Madelaine Maree Atwell, are James Atwell and Gabrielle Harp of Romulus, Michigan.

Madelaine was born in Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center–Dearborn (Dearborn, MI) at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 1998, weighing in at six pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 20 inches in length.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were Madelaine's paternal grandparents, Jim and Darcel Atwell, and her maternal grandmother, Karen Harp (all of Romulus, MI).



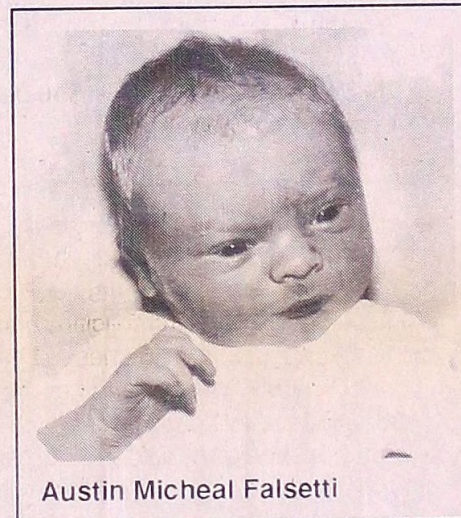
Madelaine Maree Atwell

Austin Micheal Falsetti

Micheal and Deanna Falsetti of Westland, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Austin Micheal Falsetti.

Born in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center–Wayne (Wayne, MI) at 2:19 a.m. on Monday, September 7, 1998, Austin weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces, and measuring 20½ inches in length.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm family welcome were his paternal grandparents, Edward and Gina Collins, and his maternal grandparents, Gary and Harriet Curlee (all of Romulus, MI).



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Obituary

Dorothy E. (Cottrell) McGhen

Dorothy E. (Cottrell) McGhen of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, November 27, 1998, at the age of 75.

Born in Mishawaka, Indiana, on November 6, 1923, the former school-bus driver was a member of the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Ladies' Auxiliary and the Women of the Moose, as well as a troop leader for the Brownies.

Surviving Dorothy are her son, Thomas E. McGhen (Romulus, MI); her daughter, Mrs. Conley (Paula) Smith (Romulus, MI); three brothers, Sidney (Florida), David (Florida), and Daniel Cottrell (North Carolina); three sisters,

Mrs. Clint (Elsie) White (Florida), Mrs. Lorraine Mehrbrodt (California), and Mrs. Joe (Beverly Jean) Quesada (Florida); and two grandsons, Bret and Scott Smith.

She was predeceased by her spouse, Harry J. McGhen, and two brothers, Delbert and Charles Cottrell.

A funeral service was held on Monday, November 30, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Brother George White (House of Prayer, Pinckney, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Arbor Hospice.

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